



Matthew's C.E (Aided) Primary School and Nursery Centre



'I can do all things because Christ gives me strength' Philippians 4:13

Friday Feature: 13th September 2024

This half-term we are focusing on the Christian Value of Thankfulness



'Always be thankful' 1 Thessalonians 5.16

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you have had a wonderful week. This week I want to share our SIAMS report, following the inspection in July. We received a fantastic report, which reflects our wonderful school! Please see the report attached.

Below are some of the comments from the report:

'The deeply rooted Christian vision is at the heart of this vibrant school. It brings the school together as one.'

'Worship is inclusive, respectful and uplifting. The school is bathed in wonderful artwork which aids prayer, spirituality and acts as a focal point for worship. Leaders plan the pattern of worship with care reflecting the school's Christian vision and values.'

'The school values its relationships with partner agencies, working together in the interests of families. The way in which the school works, creates a culture in which pupils and adults are treated well.'

I would also like to share that our Year 6 children who left in July received great SATs results:

	School	School	National	National
Subject	Expected +	Greater Depth	Expected +	Greater Depth
Reading	70%	30%	74%	28%
Writing	60%	15%	72%	13%
Mathematics	78%	35%	73%	24%
Grammar, punctuation and spelling	75%	28%	72%	32%
Reading, Writing and Maths			61%	8%

Well done to all the children and our fabulous staff!

Please see the future dates on the 4th page for our [MacMillan coffee morning!](#)



Pupils of the Week

Reception :St Francis Hunter
 R/1: St Teresa Harry
 1/2: St Nicholas Lucian
 2: St Joseph Milana
 3: St Cecilia Davyd
 3/4: St Sophia Pistic
 4/5: St Kateri Roxy
 5/6: St Thomas Salote



6: St Padre
 Blake



This week we have started a new reward. Each child who is the pupil of the week in each class is invited to have a hot chocolate with Mrs Mills at the end of the day on a Friday!

Readers of the Week



Reception :St Francis Mila
 R/1: St Teresa Sienna
 1/2: St Nicholas Duchess
 2: St Joseph Jayda
 3: St Cecilia Serenity
 3/4: St Sophia Ffion
 4/5: St Kateri Elijah
 5/6: St Thomas George
 6 St Padre Yaw

P.E. Days

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Miss Edwards R/1 Miss Blocksidge 2 Mr Doughty 3/4 Mr Skelton 4/5	Miss Williams R Miss Plant 1/2 Miss Blocksidge 2	Miss Edwards R/1 Mrs Wyre 3 Mrs Barfield 5/6 Mr Bailey 6	Miss Boole N Miss Williams R Mr Skelton 4/5 Mrs Barfield 5/6	Miss Plant 1/2 Mrs Wyre 3 Mr Doughty 3/4 Mr Bailey 6

Applying for Reception places and Year 7 Places for September 2025

Applications for Reception places and Year 7 places to start in September 2025 are now being taken by Telford and Wrekin Council. [School admissions - Telford & Wrekin Council](#)

Children born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020 will start primary school from September 2024. Parents need to apply for a reception place by **15 January 2024**.

Children born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014 will start secondary school from September 2025.

Parents need to apply for a Year 7 place by **31 October 2024**. Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) must also apply by 31 October 2024.

Future Dates

19th Sep for	School photographs—school open from 8.15am for families with siblings at another school.
26th Sep	Reception to year 6 Flu Vaccination
27th Sep	MacMillian coffee morning—details to follow
24th Oct	Last day of school
28th Oct	Children back in school
20th Dec	Last day of school

Weekly prayer



Thank you, Lord, for the blessings you have given to me.

You have given me more than I could ever have imagined.

You have surrounded me with people who always look out for me.

You have given me family and friends who love me every day with their kindness.

By 6 St Padre

ONLINE SAFETY FOR UNDER 5s

10 Top Tips for Parents and Carers

According to Ofcom's most recent research, a significant proportion of children are already online by the time they start school, with 17% of 5-year-olds owning their own mobile phone and 50% using messaging platforms. As becoming familiar with technology is generally encouraged in younger children – and has been essential for education during the pandemic – it is crucial that trusted adults recognise both the benefits and the risks of infants and toddlers using digital devices. We've compiled our top tips to help the under-5s start their online safety journey.

1 USE DEVICES TOGETHER

This lets you monitor and control what your child is using the device for. It also provides the interaction that supports children's understanding of what they're seeing – allowing them to ask you questions, and so on.

PARENT CODE:

6 BLOCK IN-APP PURCHASES

If your child uses a device that's linked to a payment method (such as a bank card), use the parental controls to block buys from app stores, as well as in-app purchases. That will prevent your child from accidentally spending money while on your device.

2 ACTIVATE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Most digital devices have built-in parental controls that can limit the type of content children have access to. If your little one uses any device (even borrowing yours), it's a good idea to explore what controls the device has and enable them whenever they have access to it.

7 CHOOSE SAFE APPS AND SITES

There are some fantastic apps and platforms that are specifically designed to be safer for children. Always check the PEGI age rating before downloading an app, and test it yourself before allowing your child to use it.

3 MANAGE SCREEN TIME

This can be tricky, especially if your child is interested in a certain video, app or game. Try to agree on some ground rules and get your child into a routine which includes certain times of the day when they go without devices.

8 INVOLVE THE FAMILY

If your toddler has older siblings, it's likely that their rules for device use will be different – and that they'll access content that isn't appropriate for younger ones (a particular worry if they share devices). Encourage the whole family to be good role models and help little ones stay safe online.

4 TALK ABOUT BEING SAFE ONLINE

Just like we teach children about being safe in the real world, we need to educate them about how to stay safe online. Use age-appropriate language to help them understand, and plenty of hand gestures can reinforce what you're telling them.

9 IF IN DOUBT, ASK

The easiest way to find out what your child is doing online is usually just to talk about it with them. Developing an open dialogue at an early age helps them grow up feeling able to talk to you about their digital life – providing opportunities to intervene if you're concerned.

5 SET A GOOD EXAMPLE

Children often learn by watching and copying those around them, and using digital devices is no exception. When you're around your child, try to follow the same rules that you've set for them. Let them see you balancing your time online with interacting with people in real life, too.

10 SUPPORT CREATIVE & ACTIVE PLAY

Physical and creative activities are important for a child's wellbeing, and there are plenty of ways to incorporate technology into that. For example, you could encourage games that require physical movement; dance and sing along to songs your child loves; and follow step-by-step crafting videos.

Meet Our Expert

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Macmillan Cake Day
Friday 27th September 2024

9:10 - 9:35 (school hall)	RSWi
9:40 - 10.05 (school hall)	R1LE
10:10 - 10:35 (school hall)	2CB
10:40 - 11:05 (school hall)	6PB
11:10 - 11:40 (In nursery)	NKAB—AM
1:30 - 1:50 (school hall)	12SP
1:50 - 2:10 (school hall)	3SWy
2:10 - 2:30 (school hall)	34SD
2:30 - 2:50 (school hall)	45OS
2:50 - 3:10 (school hall)	56JB
2:45 - 3:15 (In nursery)	NKAB – PM

Dear Parent/Carer

Next week all children will be discussing the NSPCC's Underwear Rule in our PSHE lessons. This is part of our Safeguarding offer to ensure all children know how to keep themselves safe and talk about any concerns they may have.

We will be teaching our pupils the NSPCC's Underwear Rule, using the 'PANTS' acrostic:

PANTS stands for:

Privates are private

Always remember your body belongs to you

No means no

Talk about secrets that upset you

Speak up, someone can help

The lessons will introduce a range of ideas, all delivered in a way that's fully age appropriate. These include:

“appropriate” and “inappropriate” touching

your child's right to say no to things that make them feel upset or uncomfortable

who your child can turn to if they ever feel upset or worried.

If you would like to know more about the NSPCC's campaign and see how you can help keep your children safe in partnership with your child's school, more information can be found at nspcc.org.uk/underwearrule

If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to get in touch.

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